

Letter to the Bishop

What is the purpose of writing a letter to the Bishop?

Because it is the Bishop who will impart on the candidates the Sacrament of Confirmation, he asks that each candidate freely request the Sacrament from him. This is done through writing him a letter.

This is very important because you are of the age to make this decision for yourself. Therefore, if you want to be Confirmed, you must ask for it of your own accord, no one else can make this decision for you.

What should be included in this letter?

The letter to Bishop Edward Burns should include:

- Candidate's name, age/grade, parish, and catechetical program (parish RE, Family RE, Catholic School)
- Statement of personal experience with regard to (1) retreats, (2) how serving through performing the works of mercy has affected his or her view of living as a Catholic Christian, and (3) any other experiences of their faith that they would wish to share.
- Why the candidate feels he or she is ready to request the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Specifically state that he or she would like to be Confirmed.

What else should I remember when writing my letter?

- Please write legibly in ink or type your letter
- Remember to sign and date your letter
- Use a nice piece of paper (not crinkled or ripped out of a notebook)
- Use a full-size 8.5x11 piece of paper (not a note card)
- Please write on only one side of the paper
- Do not put the letter in an envelope

When and how will I turn in this letter?

Please do not mail your letter to the Bishop. He will be receiving hundreds of letters from all over the Diocese. Instead, you will turn them in at our class meeting on **March 20, 2022**. We will collect all the letters and deliver them to the Bishop all together.